

Interview Summary

Application No.
08/659,046

Applicant(s)
Bauer et al.

Examiner
Clark F. Dexter

Art Unit
3724

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mr. Arthur Antonelli

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(2) Mr. Clark Dexter

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Date of Interview Mar 17, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No. If yes, brief description:
model of device shown in Figs. 2a-c

Claim(s) discussed: 19, 30, 40, and 41

Identification of prior art discussed:
Schofield, pn 955,287

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

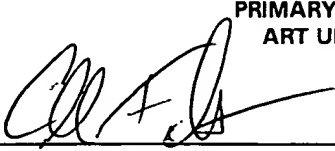
Mr. Antonelli discussed the differences between the present invention and the applied prior art. Specifically, applicant's position is that Schofield does not teach or suggest tapered slots. Mr. Dexter respectfully disagreed and maintains the position that the slots of Schofield appear to be tapered, and if not, such a modification would be obvious for at least the reasons described in the prior art rejection. Additionally, language was discussed to further distinguish the claimed invention over the prior art, specifically Schofield. For example, Mr. Dexter noted that each of the slots of the present invention appears to extend at least to the center of the head, and such is not disclosed in Schofield since there is a pivot joint at the center of the heads of Schofield. Also, language directed to the fact that the heads of the present invention are not connected together was discussed.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

CLARK F. DEXTER
PRIMARY EXAMINER
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Examiner's signature, if required

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.